

COMMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

1. The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on October 7, 2004 at the Aviator's Landings. This was the 194th scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.
2. Member present, absent, advisors, and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, Except as indicated)
PRESENT

COL William E. Crouch , Co-Ch	CSM Charles E Frye, Co-Ch
COL Herman S. Heath	CSM Andrew Rivers, Jr.
COL James E Hyers	SGM Terry Wilkins.
COL Charles A Block (USMC)	SGM Lloyd M. Rogers, Association Secretary
COL Bob Bunting	SMSGT Jean woodruff (USAF)
LTC James R. Mellish	1SG Jackie Ray
	SFC Joe Barnes

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Richard M. Johnson	CSM William Jolley Unexcused
CDR James E. Cobb	SFC Ralph Reed
Ms. Erika Johnson	SSG Fred Spiker Unexcused

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Thomas W. Young, Garrison Commander
COL Jean Simmons, USAAMC
CSM Joseph P. Moodt, Garrison CSM
Mr. K. R. Carver, Acting AG
Mr. Will Newman, RSO
Mr. Tim Laster, DFCA
Mr. Roy Watkins AG
Ms. Barbara Hardbarger, TRICARE
Mr. Mike O'Meara, Commissary Officer

GUESTS

Ms. Josette Brodhead, Lyster RAD Representative

3. The meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM by COL Crouch who thanked SGM Terry Wilkins for keeping us informed about Hurricane Ivan by email.
4. The minutes of the last meeting were changed to show COL Bunting as present.

5. Old Business – None.

6. Committee Reports.

a. Public Affairs – No report.

b. Legislative Affairs - COL Hyers reported that the Conference Committee was meeting to reach a compromise on the defense authorization bill, however, no action will be taken until after the election, due to the committee recess beginning 8 Oct 04. Emergency authorization bills have been approved to keep the government running until 20 November. Congressman Everett and Senator Sessions are on the committee, therefore, we should ask them to support the House version of the SBP. COL Block added that if a person dies and his/her spouse applies for CRSC after the death no benefits will be paid. If the request for CRSC was in process at the time of death the estate will be paid retroactively when the request is approved. In the event the death is combat related, i.e., Agent Orange, the survivor should contact the VA for DIC benefits.

c. Health Care – CSM Rivers deferred the report to COL Simmons.

d. Volunteer Program - SFC Barnes reported the Volunteer-of-the-Month for September is Mr. Zane Wilson and he will be recognized at the Post Theatre at 10:30 on 12 October. The Volunteer of the Month selection process is being revised to allow a selection of a youth and an adult.

e. Consolidated Club System – COL Block stated the Club bar sales are still wiping out all the profits made on food. Bingo profits are also down. The losses this year are less than last years. The décor in the dining area has been made more attractive.

f. Commissary – No report.

g. PX – No report.

h. Golf Course –COL Heath reported the golf course and the equestrian center had damage from Hurricane Ivan but the crews worked hard and had both in good condition for last weekend's programs. The Pro Am did not have the participants that were expected due to Hurricane Ivan.

i. Equestrian Center – COL Heath reported horse trials on October 2-3 went well but the amount of entrants was down due to Hurricane Ivan. Crews worked hard to get roofs on the barns and clean up the course. The medical support from the hospital was outstanding.

j. Outdoor Recreation – CSM Frye reported the new changes to the hunting and fishing regulations are primarily dealing with safety, i.e., life vest worn by motor driven boat personnel, orange vests worn by horse riders during hunting season, crossbow

hunting, use of turkey decoys, etc. COL Crouch added that 90% of the water fatalities in Florida were due to not wearing a life jacket.

k. Bowling Alley – Referred to Mr. Laster.

l. RAD – LTC Mellish reported that the RAD was on track and flu shots are uncertain this year. The attire while working at the health fair is coat and tie, along with appropriate wear for ladies.

7. Advisors Comments –

a. COL Simmons stated that the dining facility has been closed. The hospital will be re-designated as a clinic on 4 November at 10:00 AM and the new sign will be unveiled at that time. There will be a JAYCO Survey from 14-19 November because of the change to an ambulatory care facility.

b. Mr. O'Meara reported the merchandise deliveries for the commissary were not back to normal. The opening of I-10 may help. The case lots sale will continue until all the products are sold.

c. Mr. Carver reported the AG/MPD will be having an Organization Day on 22 October and there will be limited staffing that day.

d. Mr. Laster reported there were 17 Pros and 67 amateurs for the Pro Am Golf Tournament. The storm did remove some of the trees from the course. There will be a new Club manager next week, Mr. Frank Zerbinos, coming from Fort Campbell. The ITR section has some holiday trips scheduled. He encouraged the use of the MWR Fort Rucker.Com web site. Also, to take advantage of the specials offered by the Fort Rucker Lanes.

e. Ms. Hardbarger stated the TRI CARE office had over 1,700 walk ins for September.

8. New Business – COL Crouch encouraged all Council Members to make every effort to attend both days of the RAD.

9. Co-Chairman's Comments – CSM Frye asked everyone to remember Ms. Erika Johnson's daughter in our thoughts and prayers, due to her major health problems.

10. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Aviator's Landing on November 4, 2004 at 11:30 AM.

Approved via email 14 Oct 04

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COL, Retired

Co-Chairman

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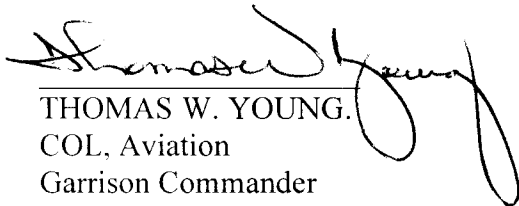
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